

A RESOLUTION

25-405

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000 to establish a school support office within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education to focus academic improvement in the lowest performing schools.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “School Improvement Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) The purpose of the School Improvement Amendment Act, passed on 2nd reading on January 9, 2024 (enrolled version of Bill 25-540), is to elevate school support as an urgent priority for the District and establish clear roles, lines of authority, and responsibilities for the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (“OSSE”) in improving outcomes at the District’s low-performing schools.

(b) The underlying emergency measure will establish a School Support Office (“Office”) at OSSE and require OSSE to submit a report to the Council on how the Office will identify and support schools in need of improvement. OSSE will need to staff the Office immediately in order to begin report preparation.

(c) Emergency legislation is necessary to allow OSSE to move forward with hiring immediately to meet the September 30, 2024 deadline for report submission.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the School Improvement Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.